

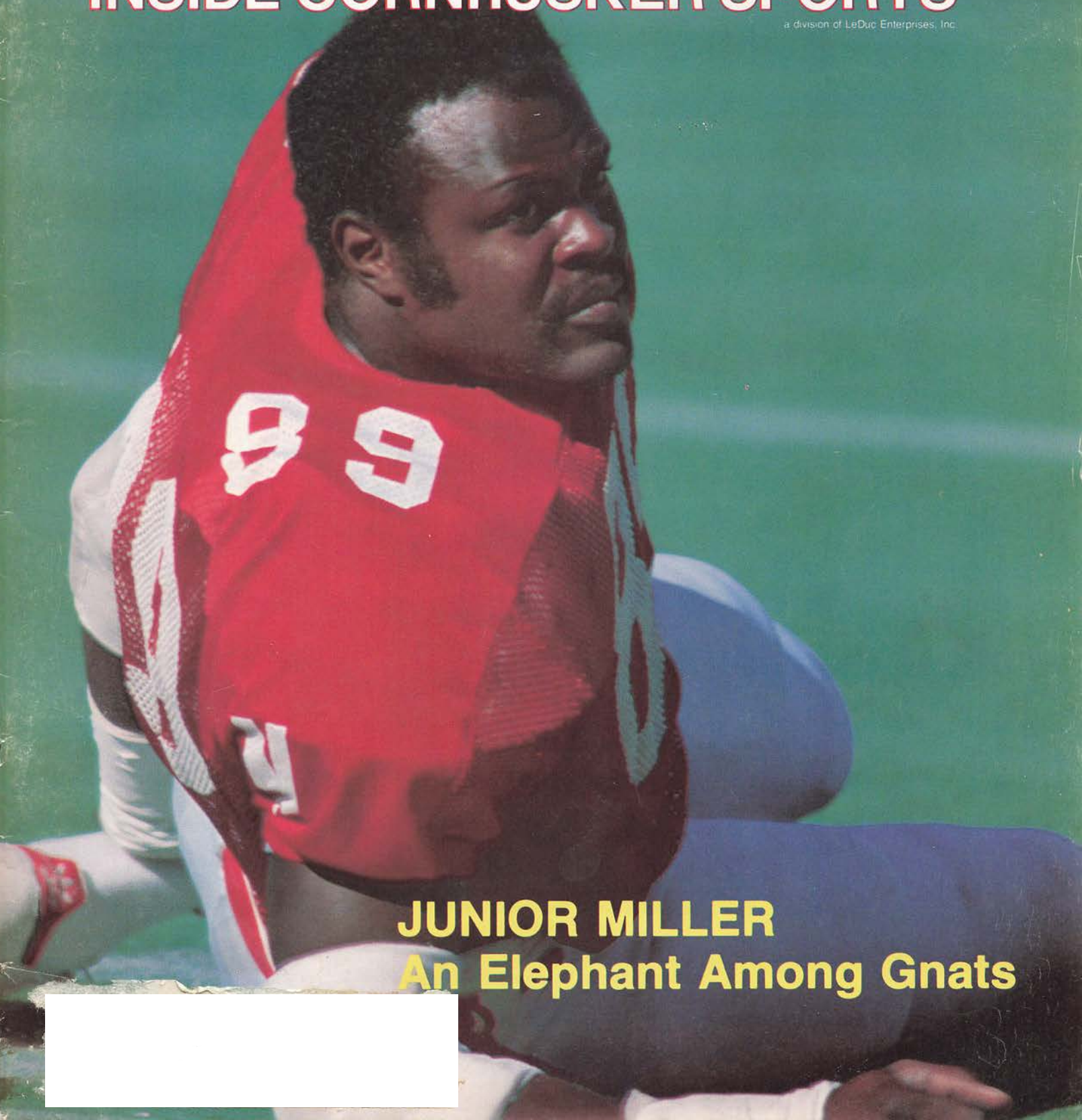
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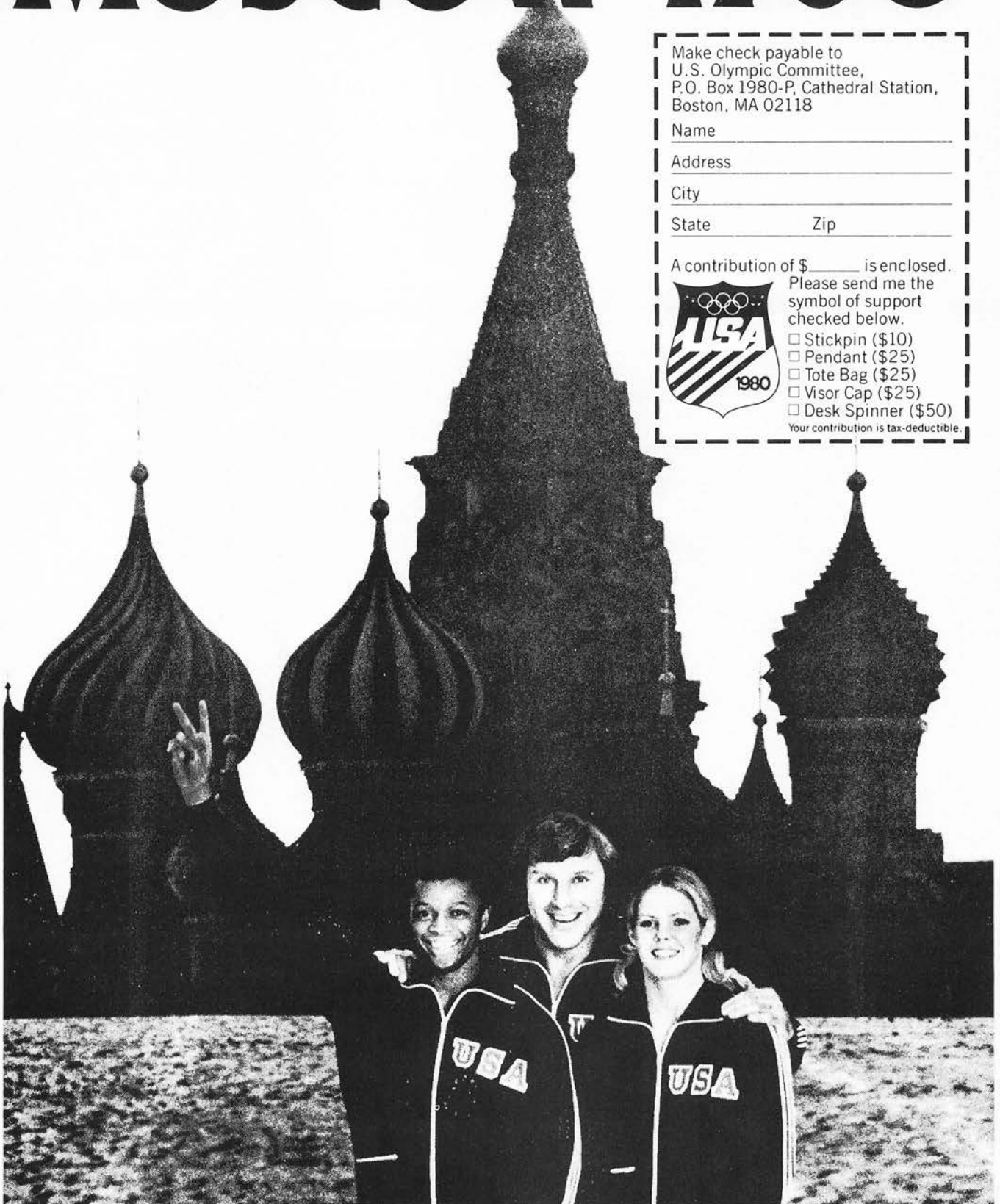
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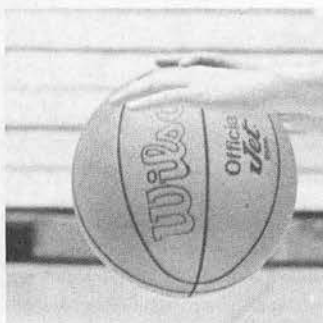
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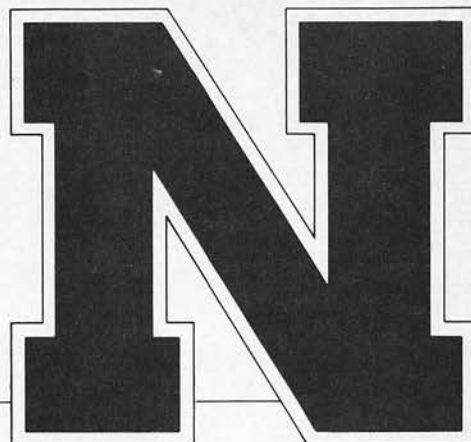
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# A Simsational Day

by Charlie Smith

**B**illy Sims left the home folks agog — and Nebraska in agony.

No doubt about it, the final regular-season game of 1979 did not belong to the Cornhuskers. It belonged to Sims and the Oklahoma Sooners.

Nebraska, which had averaged yielding only 67.2 yards a game rushing through 10 games, was pierced by the onrushing Sooners. Sims wrapped up his senior season with 247 yards on 28 carries. Oklahoma, which has won or shared seven straight Big Eight football championships, had 352 rushing yards as a team.

"Oklahoma just played better than we did," understated NU head coach Tom Osborne. "I didn't think anybody could do that to us. But they did."

"They just beat us on both sides of the football."

That's a fact. None of the Cornhuskers

disagreed after the 17-14 loss.

"They just beat us," said defensive end Derrie Nelson. "They beat us up front today. Sims is the best back we've played against all year. He never loses a yard. He always seems to have that lunge forward."

And while the Huskers' defensive unit couldn't stop Sims and Co., the offensive team was having its troubles, too.

"We had some chances to win," said Osborne. "We had a lot of short-yardage situations — third and one, third and two. We just didn't make the big play."

Hence, Nebraska's chance for its first perfect season since 1971 ended in the pain of a loss at Owen Field before a sellout crowd of 71,187.

The Huskers not only were riddled by OU's wishbone offense, but also by injuries.

They lost cornerback Ric Lindquist with

a possible concussion in the first half. Then Andy Means left with what was believed to be a broken leg, but turned out to be a deep thigh bruise, early in the third quarter.

That left Paul Letcher and Dave Liegl trying to cope with the Sooners' sweeps. On the second play after Means was carried off the field, the Sooners struck with a 58-yard touchdown pass that put them into the lead for good.

But the pass was not over Liegl, who had replaced Means. It was over Letcher.

"Our guy was in a man to man," said Osborne. "And he came up to protect against the run. He just made a mistake."

As a result, tight end Forrest Valora was wide open behind everyone for quarterback J. C. Watts' pass. And no one could catch him either.

That gave Oklahoma a 10-7 lead with 11:16 left in the third quarter. Sims iced the game with a 71-yard run down the sideline past the OU bench early in the last quarter. He finally was hauled down by Russell Gary at the Nebraska eight.

On fourth down at the three, Oklahoma chose to pass up the field goal in order to try for the touchdown. That decision proved to be a wise one by OU coach Barry Switzer.

Watts scrambled down the line on the left side, then ducked between a couple of tacklers and nudged the football into the end zone. Freshman Mike Keeling's extra point pushed the score to 17-7 with 7:55 remaining.

The victory pushed Oklahoma into the Orange Bowl opposite unbeaten Florida State, while Nebraska accepted a bid to the Cotton Bowl to play the still undetermined Southwest Conference champion.

"We're just proud to have Nebraska," said Field Scovell, chairman of the Cotton Bowl selection committee. "We're just tickled to death."

Added Jim Brock, executive director of the Dallas event, "Nebraska is a class out-



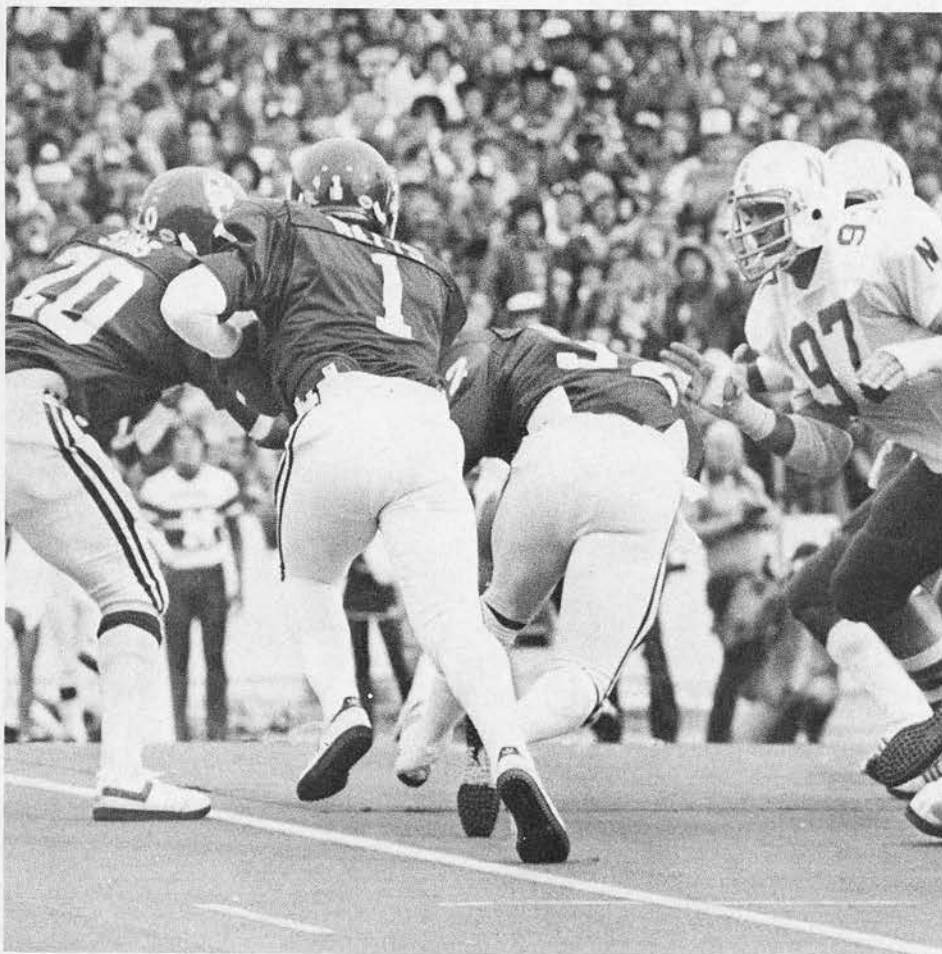
The pain of impending defeat is reflected on the faces of the Nebraska coaching staff from Tom Osborne, far left, through Charlie McBride, Lance Van Zandt, Frank Solich and Mike Corgan. And the biggest reason for Oklahoma's victory is Billy Sims, right, who gained 247 yards on 28 carries.

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fit. We're glad to have 'em in our game."

The contest began with a bang on a 52-degree afternoon with a 12-mile-an-hour wind out of the south-southeast.

On Oklahoma's first possession, Sims gave an indication of things to come by bursting through a gaping hole on the right side of OU's offensive line and sailing 68 yards for an apparent touchdown. But Means, cornerback on the right side who was giving chase, thought the touchdown back. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw Freddie Nixon chasing a couple of strides behind him.

Means slowed up and Nixon ran over him at the Nebraska 15.

"Yes, I did that on purpose," Means said. "I knew if I could step in front of Nixon, there was a chance he might run over me.

"It didn't matter. I couldn't have caught Sims. He was too far ahead. And if they don't call it, I haven't lost anything."

An observant official, however, threw the flag immediately, ruling Nixon guilty of clipping. Hence, the ball was brought back to the 15 and Oklahoma was penalized out to the Nebraska 30.

On the next play, Watts tried to hit Nixon on a fly pattern in the end zone and Means intercepted for Nebraska.

"In a way, I'm glad that first touchdown was called back," said Switzer. "I wouldn't have wanted this to be a 27-7 game. It feels better and hurts more when it is this close."

The first score did not occur until early in the second quarter. OU, starting at its 38, surged to the Nebraska 14 before stalling when Watts was stuffed for no gain by Dave Clark and Means on a third-down keeper.

Keeling, however, kicked a 31-yard field goal that split the uprights with 11:33 left in the half.

Nebraska, which stayed with Jeff Quinn at quarterback throughout, sped back down the field.

Starting at their 43, the Huskers lurched to the Oklahoma 35. At that point, the big play was made.

On a fake tight-end-around play, Quinn pulled the ball back from Junior Miller and found wide-open spaces up the center of the field. He rambled 25 yards before being pulled down at the 10.

From there, he hit Jarvis Redwine on a

**The fourth-down play that sealed Nebraska's doom unfolds, top, with J. C. Watts (1) sprinting left on a keeper as Stanley Wilson (32) blocks Bill Barnett (97). That's Sims (20) leading Watts down the line of scrimmage. The reaction of Don Key (60) and Stanley Wilson (32), below, makes it evident that Watts, sitting, has scored on a 3-yard touchdown run. Disgust is mirrored on the face of NU nose guard Oudious Lee (65).**

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# FUTURE HUSKER FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

## 1980

Sept. 13 — Utah  
20 — Iowa  
27 — at Penn State  
Oct. 4 — Florida State  
11 — at Kansas  
18 — Oklahoma State  
25 — at Colorado  
Nov. 1 — Missouri  
8 — Kansas State  
15 — at Iowa State  
22 — Oklahoma

## 1981

Sept. 12 — at Iowa  
19 — Florida State  
26 — Penn State  
Oct. 3 — Auburn  
10 — Colorado  
17 — at Kansas State  
24 — at Missouri  
31 — Kansas  
Nov. 7 — at Oklahoma State  
14 — Iowa State  
21 — at Oklahoma

## 1982

Sept. 11 — Iowa  
18 — New Mexico State  
25 — at Penn State  
Oct. 2 — at Auburn  
9 — at Colorado  
16 — Kansas State  
23 — Missouri  
30 — at Kansas

Nov. 6 — Oklahoma State  
13 — at Iowa State  
20 — Oklahoma

## 1983

Sept. 10 — Wyoming  
17 — at Minnesota  
24 — UCLA  
Oct. 1 — Syracuse  
8 — at Oklahoma State  
15 — at Missouri  
22 — Colorado  
29 — at Kansas State  
Nov. 5 — Iowa State  
12 — Kansas  
19 — at Oklahoma

## 1984

Sept. 8 — Wyoming  
15 — Minnesota  
22 — at UCLA  
29 — at Syracuse  
Oct. 6 — Oklahoma State  
13 — Missouri  
20 — at Colorado  
27 — Kansas State  
Nov. 3 — at Iowa State  
10 — at Kansas  
17 — Oklahoma

## 1985

Sept. 14 — Florida State  
21 — Illinois  
28 — Oregon

Oct. 5 — New Mexico State  
12 — at Oklahoma State  
19 — at Missouri  
26 — Colorado  
Nov. 2 — at Kansas State  
9 — Iowa State  
16 — Kansas  
23 — at Oklahoma

## 1986

Sept. 13 — Florida State  
20 — at Illinois  
27 — Oregon  
Oct. 4 — at South Carolina  
11 — Oklahoma State  
18 — Missouri  
25 — at Colorado  
Nov. 1 — Kansas State  
8 — at Iowa State  
15 — at Kansas  
22 — Oklahoma

## 1987

Sept. 12 — UCLA  
19 — Utah State  
26 — at Arizona State  
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quick flare pass and the big tailback boomed into the end zone. Dean Sukup's kick pushed the Huskers on top 7-3 with 7:36 left in the first half.

Redwine was held to 65 yards on 11 carries. He did not start the game — I. M. Hipp did — and finally was helped off the field on the first play of the fourth quarter when he reinjured his right ankle.

Redwine, however, did surpass the 1,000-yard mark with 1,042 yards for the 11-game season.

He said the ankle "felt all right" when the game began. Redwine was unable to finish any of Nebraska's final four games after he suffered a knee injury while blocking on an extra-point attempt against Missouri.

And then came the third quarter and the big pass from Watts to Valora. It was immediately after that touchdown that Nebraska had two chances to score.

The Huskers pounded from their 23 all the way to the Oklahoma 18 before being stopped. Redwine had a 30-yard run in that drive on a pitchout. Quinn's third-down pass from the 18 sailed far over Tim Smith's head along the sidelines, though.

Sukup trotted on and his 35-yard field-goal attempt was wide to the right.

On the first play of Oklahoma's possession, though, Rod Horn stripped Sims of the football and Mark LeRoy recovered for Nebraska at the Oklahoma 25.

Blessed with this favorable fortune, though, Nebraska failed to make a first down. Kenny Brown was stopped for a two-yard gain on a wingback reverse and Andra Franklin was nailed after a three-yard gain to the 20. On third down, Hipp was stopped for a one-yard gain, but Nebraska was detected holding.

Oklahoma chose to take the penalty, which pushed the ball out to the Sooners' 35. Quinn attempted to shoot a flare pass to Redwine on the third-down replay, but the pass was off target. Smith's punt bounced in the end zone and the Sooners had managed to dodge back-to-back bullets.

Early in the fourth quarter, Smith managed a 61-yard punt, equaling his longest of the season, and Tim McCrady downed it for Nebraska at the Oklahoma six.

It was at this point that the game was decided. On first down, David Overstreet slid 13 yards to the 19. Then freshman Stanley Wilson was stopped after a two-yard gain.

And then came the play of the game.

**Jeff Quinn uncorks a long pass in Junior Miller's direction early in the contest, but the ball was underthrown as Randy Schleusener (53) provides protection.**

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Sims swooped through the right side and cut back against the grain toward the sideline.

And the chase was on.

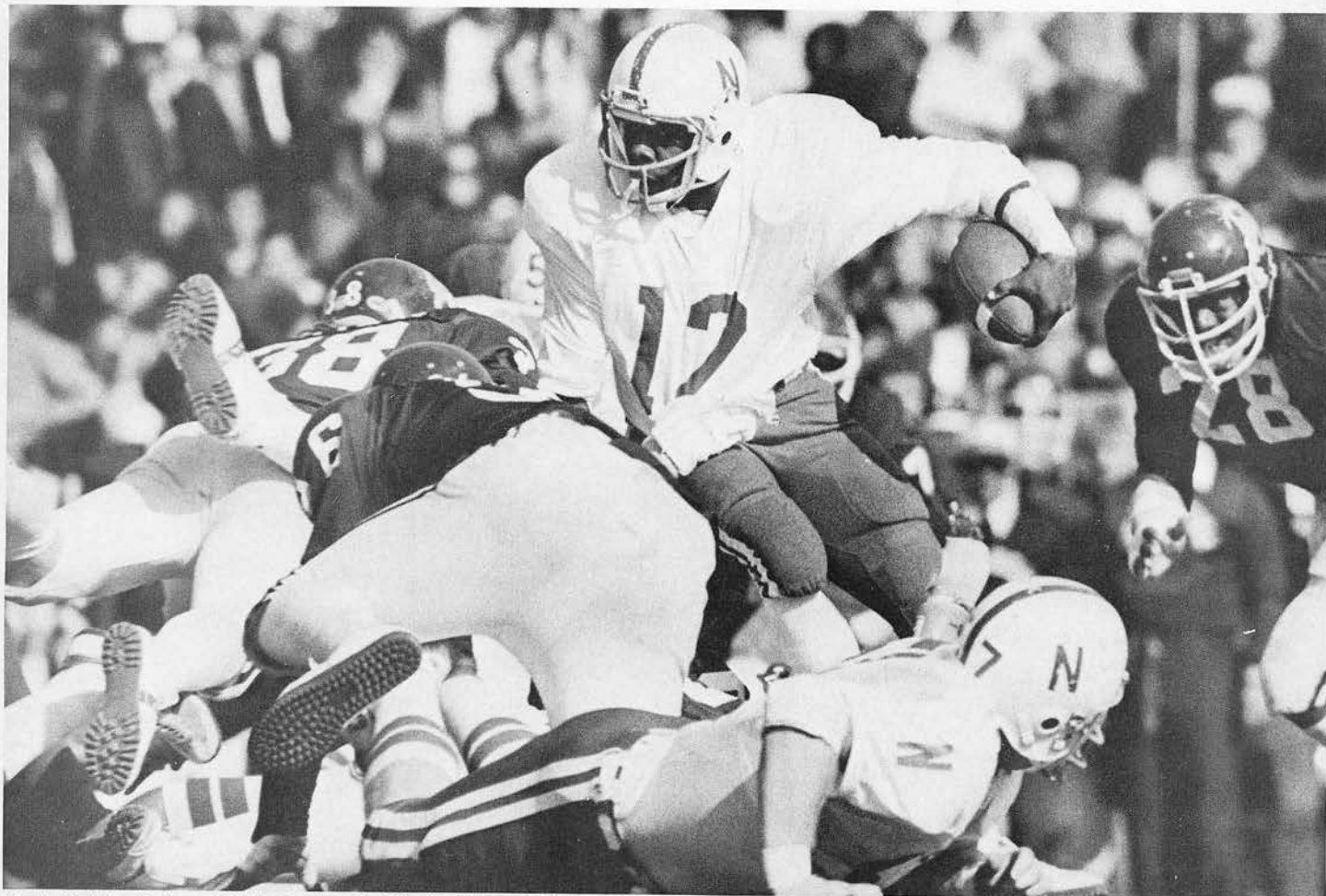
Inside the Nebraska 20, he fought off linebacker Brent Williams with a stiff-arm while running backwards. But Sims could not elude Gary, who finally dragged him down at the 8-yard line.

"He's a great back, no doubt about that," NU athletic director Bob Devaney said later. "That one down the sideline by their bench was just unbelievable. I think OU played a better football game today than they've played all year."

Three downs netted only five yards after Sims' big run. But the Sooners made what proved to be the right choice for them on fourth down — and Watts scored what turned out to be the winning points.

Nebraska had one more trick in its bag, though.

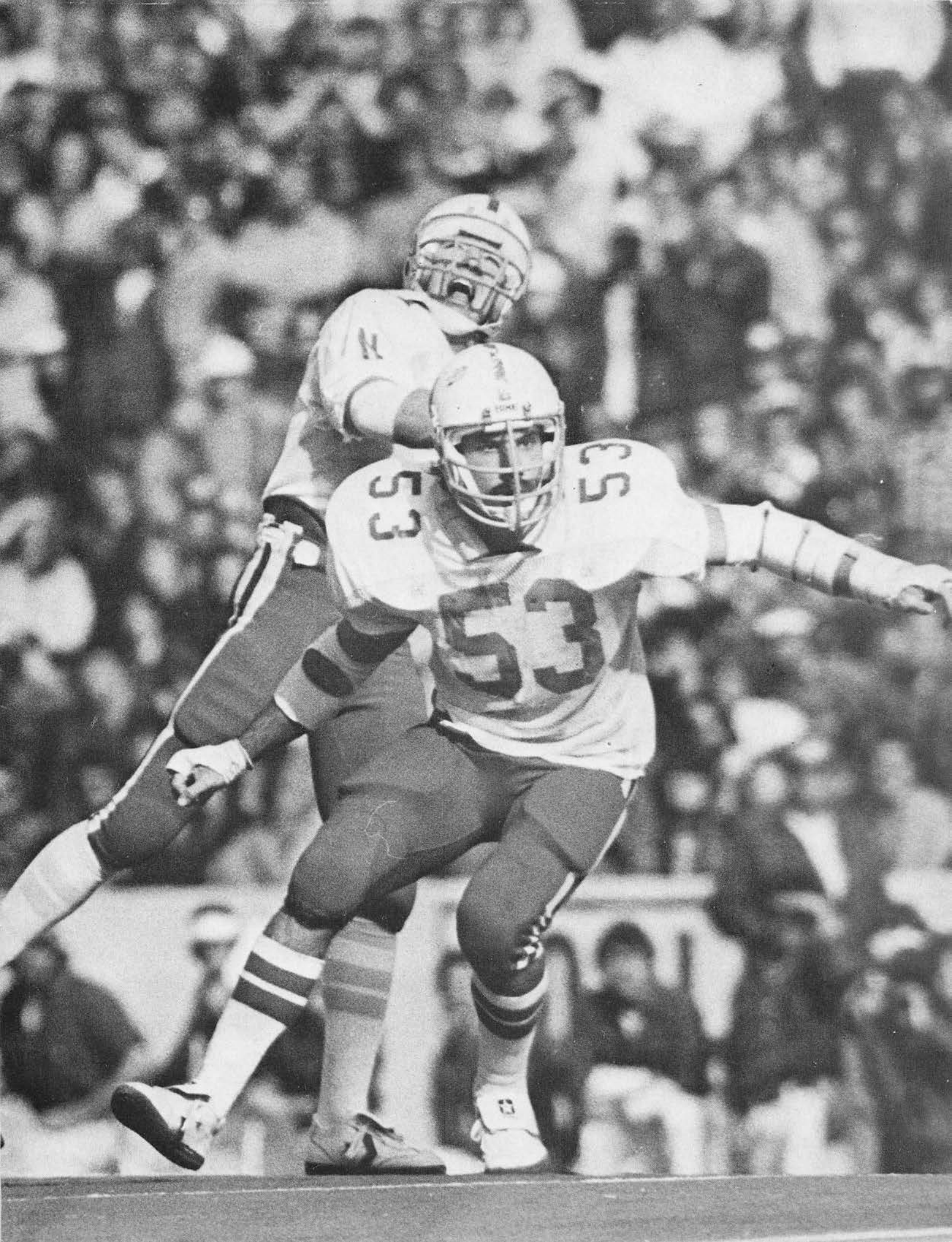
After Oklahoma's touchdown, the Huskers marched all the way from their 14. A



Jarvis Redwine (12) was held in check most of the day before leaving when he reinjured his ankle on the first play of the fourth quarter.

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25-yard pass from Quinn to Junior Miller started the drive. A 28-yard pass to Smith put the ball on the Oklahoma 11 with 5:58 left. But Quinn was sacked two plays later, moving the ball out to the Oklahoma 14.

And that's when Osborne hauled out his trickiest play since the Bummerooski foiled Missouri several years back. On this one, center Kelly Saalfeld snaps the ball to Quinn, who lets it drop to the turf. Then everyone — backs and linemen alike — takes off running right.

But right guard Randy Schleusener turns, picks up the football and runs left.

The play worked just like the Huskers run it in practice and Schleusener scored with 4:43 left in the contest. Sukup's kick pulled the Cornhuskers within three points.

But Nebraska never was able to threaten OU's goal in the remaining time.

"This is tough," Redwine said in the Nebraska dressing room. "All the practices, all the long meetings . . . it's tough. You can imagine what it's like getting out there in August and going until November.

"But it's not like we were 0 and 11, either."

Added Nelson, "We were looking forward to going to Miami. But it's nice to know we can go to the Cotton Bowl, too. I think we'll get our minds straight and go down there and tear somebody up."

As for November 24, 1979, it will remain a day Nebraskans would just as soon forget. **N**



Darrell Songy, freshman defensive back, expresses joy for all of Oklahoma as he displays one of the many oranges that cascaded onto the Owen Field turf, signifying another Sooner trip to Miami's Orange Bowl.

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# The Coaches Say:



## **TOM OSBORNE, Nebraska**

### **About the injury problems Nebraska encountered:**

"They were pretty critical for us, especially when we lost both Andy Means and Ric Lindquist. The other guys practice there, but they hadn't played much. Paul Letcher and Dave Liegl are the only two cornerbacks we could bring on the trip because of the 55-man limit.

"Jarvis still wasn't at full speed, obviously. And he eventually had to leave the game. But even before that I thought it was obvious that he didn't have his confidence."

**About the trick play, leaving the football on the ground for a guard running in the opposite direction of the rest of the players:**

"We explained it to the officials before the game. The rule says the ball has to hit the quarterback's hands. And, hopefully, it's laying right there. It's just a very naked reverse."

### **About Billy Sims' 247-yard rushing day:**

"I didn't think he'd do anything like that, but he did. He showed some great running ability on some plays and on some plays all he had to do was run."

## **BARRY SWITZER, Oklahoma**

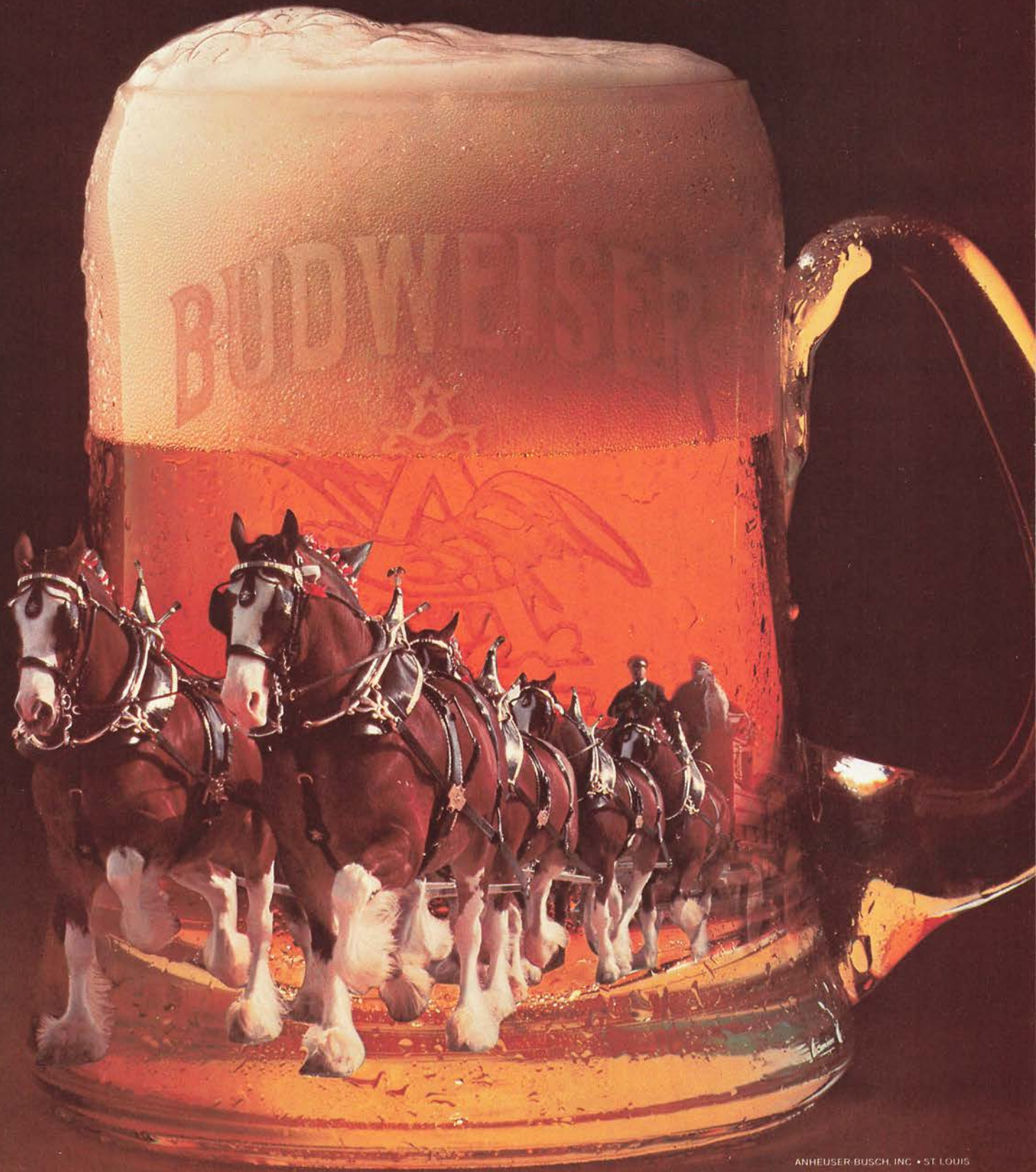
### **About Oklahoma's effort and execution:**

"This was the greatest game ever by an Oklahoma team that I've been associated with. Boy, we played good.

"Billy Sims is the greatest player in the country. I know I've said that before. But he is the greatest clutch player there is."



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## HUSKER FRESHMEN: A BANNER CROP

# A Thunder-Thigh in Cleats

by Charlie Smith

Who was the first Nebraska player to touch a football in a game in 1979? No, not Kelly Saalfeld. No, not Kenny Brown.

The answer is Kevin Seibel.

And, yes, Kevin Seibel had never played a varsity down when he approached the kickoff in the Utah State game.

"The freshmen guys joked around all week before the game, saying, 'What are you going to do when you miss the ball?' " recalls Seibel, a 6-2, 235-pound freshman from Vermillion, South Dakota.

"I knew I wouldn't miss it. I think I had some friends who were more nervous for me than I was. But, yeah, I was nervous, too."

And how does nervousness affect Seibel?

"My legs tingle and my stomach gets butterflies. And I have to move around a lot. I can't stand in one place very long."

For the record, Seibel did not whiff the football. Or anything close to it. In fact, he has been one of the ingredients to Nebraska's exceptional football success this fall.

Being the kickoff man has been fun, but it has been costly in a way, too. Seibel, an All-State and All-America player in high school, has missed playing with the freshman team this fall because of his kicking talents.

He has played in every varsity game and has been the only freshman to make the travel squad. The price for doing that has been an inability to play linebacker on the freshman team. Seibel played both full-back and linebacker in high school, but he admits he doesn't have the speed to play in the offensive backfield at Nebraska. But he does have hopes of playing linebacker some time in the future.

Seibel has proven to be an outstanding

kickoff man, though. He has consistently kicked the football inside the opponents' five-yard line, often has made the end zone and once — at Oklahoma State — came close to clearing the crossbar. "I think the wind that day might have helped that one, though," he laughs.

Seibel is one of a banner class of freshmen, a group that could produce big things for the Huskers in 1982 and 1983.

"They're as talented a group of freshmen as we've had," says head coach Tom Osborne. "They've got good size and good speed. They haven't performed as well as we'd like as a unit. But there is a lot of potential there."

The Husker freshmen actually lost a game, a rare event, at Missouri this fall. But there seems to be unanimity in the belief this freshman crop is exceptional.

"As athletes," says freshmen coach Frank Solich, "they're a good group. We've got good talent at all positions. And, for the most part, they're the kind of kids who have a chance to play early."

Especially pleasing to the coaching staff so far are the numbers and quality among the running backs and offensive linemen.

"We've got good backs," says Osborne. "Several will play next year."

Certainly, there would seem to be a bright future for Roger Craig, Craig Holman, Dennis Rogan and Doug Wilkening.

Craig, the younger brother of former Cornhusker wingback Curtis Craig, seems destined for stardom. A 6-2, 203-pounder, he's about 20 pounds heavier than Curtis during his playing days.

"He's played extremely well in practice and in games," says Solich. "One thing he can improve on is having a better running angle. He needs to use his strength a little better. But he's worked extremely hard since he's been here. Still, there are a lot of things he can pick up."

As for the offensive linemen, Solich says, "You don't see too many of those playing early here. But I've been real pleased with their progress. We have some kids who are fine athletes. They seem to handle the mental part of it very well."

Just who will emerge from the likes of Scott Raridon (6-4, 240, Mason City, Iowa), Robert Alven (6-0, 240, Dallas, Texas), Dean Steinkuhler (6-3, 220, Burr, Nebraska) and Dan Schmuecker (6-6, 255, Omaha, Nebraska) is anybody's guess.

Another who has developed quickly has been Randee Johnson, a high school quarterback who is being tried as defensive safety. "He has hitting ability," Solich says of the Lincoln Northeast product. "He could become a good player for us."

Two players who may be as good as any are from the same team in Greenville, Texas. Quarterback Nate Mason and wingback Ricky Simmons played on a team which lost only once in their senior seasons, but did not even make the state playoffs. That's because they were beaten by Plano, a state finalist from the same district. Both could become exceptional players.

As for Mason, Solich says, "He's got all the tools. He's got a fine arm and he's a very accurate type of thrower. He's got to work on staying in the pocket. He has a natural tendency to take off."

Nebraska lured Mason over such football powers as Houston, Arkansas, Texas Tech and others.

Simmons is a flyer, a :04.4 burner who may turn into an exceptional kick returner. He ran back a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown against the Kansas junior varsity this fall.

But Seibel, because of his specialty, has been the only freshman to see regular duty with the varsity this season. He was recruited by linebacker coach John Melton and well remembers the morning Osborne dropped by his high school in Vermillion.

"You can't believe how it was when the other kids asked me who that was and I said, 'Tom Osborne,'" recalls Seibel. "It was kinda neat. We met in the school library and he said he couldn't promise, but it looked like I'd have a good chance to kick for the varsity as a freshman."

Seibel also visited Iowa State, Minneso-

**Kevin Seibel says his father, a high school teacher and coach, always tells him to "keep your head down and follow through straight with your leg." Kevin, left, seems to have no trouble following Dad's advice.**

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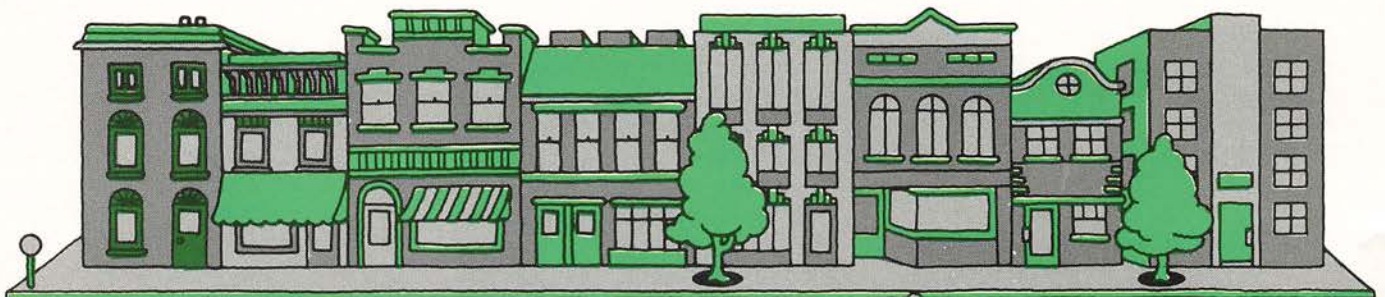


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Kevin was a kicker from way back. He first competed in the Punt, Pass and Kick Contest for youngsters as an 8-year-old. He earned a trip to Minnesota to compete before a Vikings' game that year.

He competed in the contest all six years he was eligible and made the national semifinals in Miami before a playoff game as a 12-year-old.

Kevin has four younger brothers — Kurt, Kent, Kyle and Karl. Kurt won the national Punt, Pass and Kick championship as a 12-year-old. He now is a senior in high school.

Kevin works on his kicking — punts, field goals and kickoffs — for an hour every afternoon before his linebacking duties with the redshirts on the Scout Team. He averaged 40 yards a punt in high school, so the Huskers would seem to be well-stocked when Tim Smith departs after this season. Seibel currently is not even the number two punter; he works behind junior Scott Gemar.

**B**iggest thrill for Seibel this season — besides the season-opening kickoff against Utah State in front of Nebraska's 100th straight sellout crowd — has been traveling with the varsity.

"I've never been treated that good before," he laughs. "They have dinner ready for you, nice rooms and a great big bed."

His big dream, though, is to sail a kickoff into the stands in Memorial Stadium.

"I hit the concrete one day in practice," he says. "But I haven't reached the stands yet."

Watching Seibel kick, it's not a matter of if. Just a question of when. **N**

**Nate Mason, one of a pair of NU freshmen from Greenville, Texas, could be an outstanding college quarterback. He has a classic passing delivery and can take off when hemmed in, too.**

Ted Kirk photo



## BIG RED GALLERY

### A CONTROVERSIAL PLAY

The camera catches Missouri quarterback Phil Bradley (15) the instant before he releases the football. He's trying to hit Bob Meyer, far left, who is waving for the ball. L. C. Cole (81) and Kerry Weinmaster (51) are all over Bradley.

That's what the camera saw. But what happened is another story.

Bradley's pass was overthrown and intercepted by Nebraska tackle Bill Barnett near the end of the first half. As Bradley was passing, though, referee Dan Foley blew his whistle. And that, of course, killed the play. After a long and heated discussion with both head coaches, the play finally was ruled a 17-yard sack.

"It was a late, late whistle rather than an inadvertent whistle," said Big Eight supervisor of officials Bruce Finlayson. "Foley was concentrating on the quarterback, who was playing injured. He was going to blow the ball dead with the sack. By the time he got the whistle in his mouth, the ball was in the air."

Ted Kirk photo











JUNIOR MILLER

# With the Ball, It's Another Gear

by Mike Babcock

One afternoon late in the football season, Nebraska I-back Jarvis Redwine got into a good-natured argument with tight end Junior Miller about foot speed.

Redwine was nursing a right knee, sprained in the Missouri game while he was blocking on an extra point.

The varsity locker room at the south end of Memorial Stadium was populated with Cornhuskers in various stages of dress after a mid-week workout.

Players filtered in and out and Redwine, wearing a gray sweat suit with the right pant leg rolled up above the knee, wandered across the red carpet, stopping for an occasional chat with a teammate.

The knee was getting better, he said, but it still gave him problems; it was sore, which probably meant the time it would take him to run 40 yards had increased markedly.

The junior from Inglewood, California, is one of the fastest players ever to pull on a Nebraska football jersey. The week before, NU coach Tom Osborne had told a meeting of the Extra Point Club that Redwine consistently runs under :04.4.

"We always knew he had great speed, but when we first timed him, we thought we'd made a mistake," Osborne told the luncheon guests.

But this particular day, Redwine guessed his time would be about :04.7 or even :04.8. That's when Miller entered the discussion.

The 6-4, 244-pound senior from Midland, Texas, was pulling on his boots and getting ready to leave when he heard Redwine mention his speed. An onlooker suggested that Jarvis could run :04.4 even with a bad knee.

"But you couldn't keep up with me. No you couldn't . . . I'm serious," said Miller, warming to the subject. "You couldn't keep up if I was running with the ball.

"That's a whole different thing than when I'm running against the clock. No way could you keep up."

Miller's 40 speed has been timed at :04.6.

Most coaches will tell you that some players time well in sweat clothes but when

they put on a helmet and pads and grab onto a football, they slow down significantly.

The time they record at the end of their winter conditioning program may not always reflect what happens in the open field on a cold Saturday afternoon in the fall.

Miller is the antithesis to such a rule. Give Junior a football, point him in the direction of some goal posts, and get out of the way. Once he locks in his radar, it's unlikely he'll be denied by anything short of a five-man gang-tackle.

The ball disappears in the grasp of one hand, his shoulders square off and his long strides seem to span the white lines spaced five yards apart as he heads downfield with all the force of the rapids above Niagara Falls.

"Every time I catch a pass, the first thing I do is look for the end zone," he says.

Just the thought of such an opportunity causes his eyes to light up like the scoreboard high atop the north stands in Memorial Stadium. His booming laugh punctuates a big smile, which works its way across his face from sideburn to sideburn.

Touchdowns . . . end zones . . . the promised land. That's what football is all about. "Football is supposed to be a game; it's supposed to be fun," Miller says.

In his case, "fun" translates into six points and an extra-point kick.

Miller didn't score his first collegiate touchdown until the sixth game of his junior season on the 19th reception of his career. The date was October 14, 1978; Nebraska's opponent was Kansas State.

A crowd of 75,818 predominantly Cornhusker fans looked on in Memorial Stadium as Miller made his first journey into the end zone. With 6:36 remaining in the second quarter and Nebraska holding a 7-0 lead, quarterback Tom Sorley faked a handoff to Tim Wurth charging into the line and then fired an "isolation pass" to Miller, who headed goalward.

A Wildcat defender clutched at Miller's ankles, fell short and watched from ground level as the gargantuan receiver thundered into the north end zone. The play covered 54 yards and probably took little

more than the :04.6 seconds required of Miller to run 40 yards.

To him, seeing that goal line must have been like Balboa gazing on the expansive Pacific Ocean for the first time or Pizarro discovering an Incan city of gold.

Nebraska assistant Gene Huey, whose job it is to coach the Huskers' tight ends, wingbacks and split ends, was surprised to see Miller contain himself so well when the six points were registered on the scoreboard.

"I told Junior if he ever scored one, we'd have the Flying Angels come over the top with Big Ben ringing and chiming from the Tower of London as a bonus," says Huey.

"I tell you, I thought the first time he scored, he'd probably tear down the goal post because he's been wanting to get in there for a long time," Huey says.

Miller was elated. The end zone was where he belonged, but it had been a long time coming and that final split second before he caught the ball seemed like an eternity.

"It seemed like the ball would never come down. It just kept hangin' up there and hangin' up there," he says.

Before the afternoon was over, Miller had caught five passes for 124 yards — both NU records for a tight end. But the big thrill was scoring a touchdown. Junior had contributed in a way that mattered to him.

"Junior says, 'Hey, get me the ball and I'll score.' He has the anxiety that if he doesn't get the ball two or three times a game, he thinks people don't love him anymore," Huey says.

Those times when he clutches a football in his large hands, Miller is as fast as they come. That was the point he wanted to make in his discussion with Redwine.

Miller was certain people loved him for a 22-game stretch which began during the Kansas game of his sophomore season. That day in Lincoln he caught a pass and continued to catch at least one in every game until Colorado came to town this fall.

During his junior year, when Miller established season records for NU tight ends in total receptions (33) and yardage (609), he made at least one reception in each of the



Huskers' 12 games.

Against Kansas in Lawrence, on a day when Nebraska generated 799 yards of total offense to set a Big Eight record, Miller caught three passes for 108 yards and two touchdowns, each of which covered 44 yards.

Some people would walk a mile for a spartan brand of cigarette; Junior will negotiate such distances through the best cornerbacks in the country for six points.

What made the Kansas game most satisfying was the recollection of his visit to Lawrence as a freshman. Playing with Nebraska's reserve team on the practice field outside KU's Memorial Stadium, Miller dropped a two-point conversion pass with 1:36 remaining in a junior varsity game.

As a result, the Kansas Jayvees came away with a 19-18 victory, and Miller left Kansas with a massive disappointment, which must have finally dissolved during last year's 63-21 varsity slaughter near the scene of his original mistake.

Current Kansas head coach Don Fambrough was in the press box, watching Miller atone for his freshman indiscretion that afternoon. Junior's performance caused Fambrough to remark: "It was so amazing watching him out-run our defensive backs. It looked like a bunch of gnats chasing an elephant downfield . . . and the elephant was winning."

Miller's reception streak extended into the Oklahoma State game this season before ending at home against Colorado. During the magic 22 games, Junior caught 11 touchdown passes, an average of one every other time he suited up.

The longest in that span covered 70 yards against Penn State; the total gave him command of the school record for touchdown passes to tight ends.

Colorado not only shut down Miller, the Buffalo secondary seemed to have control of Nebraska's passing attack, limiting the Huskers to just two completions in 12 attempts for a paltry 27 yards — Junior had topped that distance on most of his 11 touchdowns up to that time.

The shock of not catching a pass was somewhat assuaged by the 51 yards Miller gained on a newly-installed tight end-around play, which gave him his first opportunity to do his impression of a running back.

He carried twice, rambling 34 yards the first time before going down under the weight of three tacklers and then picking up 17 yards on a second attempt.

**Miller is virtually unstoppable once he's in the secondary, as Kansas defensive backs find out on this 24-yard pass and run for another Nebraska touchdown.**

Ted Kirk photo

Buffalo linebacker Bill Roe was impressed.

Said Roe, a 6-3, 221-pounder: "If Junior Miller isn't the best tight end in the country, I don't know who is. He didn't catch a pass today? It seemed like he was with the ball a lot. Maybe, that's a lot with the ball when he has it. He'd make a heck of a running back. If he'd become a running back, I'd think about switching to offense."

Huey's weekly evaluations of Miller's performances are based on more than just receptions, of course. Perhaps the worst number 89 has played since becoming a starter in the first game of his junior season occurred this fall in Iowa City.

Huey refused to discuss Junior's "grade" after looking at the films of Nebraska's 24-21 victory over Iowa.

But against Penn State the next week,





Miller graded at 85 per cent — winning football — and the following Saturday, against New Mexico State, he was perfect. Huey gave him a grade of 100 per cent. "That's the first time I've given one," he said.

Miller's lone reception that day went 43 yards for a touchdown.

Few people know Miller quite like Huey does and the Husker assistant, once a receiver himself, has decided that the best way to motivate Junior is with praise rather than criticism.

be a guy who's good at handling pressure," says teammate Isaiah Hipp, who also can handle a cue. Miller is just such an individual, Hipp says, but he can be provoked.

He cites the 1978 Colorado game as evidence of the Junior Miller's wrath. In the midst of a Buffalo rampage, someone gouged Miller in the eyes. When he regained his vision, he latched onto a Sorley pass and raced 42 yards for the score.

It was the most appropriate retaliation Miller could think of. "I don't need to get all

quick, he does everything in one movement.

"Once he gets even with a defender, with his acceleration, you'll never see him get caught from behind. He's a deep-ball threat, probably our best. And yet it looks like he's using very little effort," Huey says. "He knows how to get there (the end zone)."

Give Junior Miller a football and see how his speed increases.

No matter that he's wearing a football uniform, with all the extra weight of pads



**When you're good, you attract attention. Jamie Williams (80), a reserve tight end, goads Junior for the benefit of the ABC television camera after a 70-yard touchdown pass and run against Penn State.**

John Bills photo

"A man his size and stature, you'd think nothing bothers him. But you don't want to push him into a corner or embarrass him verbally . . . I learned that a long time ago," says Huey.

"That sensitivity is nice to have, and he's very much that way. He's just Junior Miller, the kind of kid everybody likes to hang out with."

Miller is slow to anger. His temper is that of Gary Cooper in "High Noon," and he has the patience of a pool hustler, something else at which Junior is no slouch.

To be a good pool shooter, "you have to

violent," he says.

**H**uey compares Miller to former National Football League greats Mike Ditka and John Mackey.

"No one pushes Junior around," says Huey. "When you think of guys like Mackey and Ditka, they were just terrors when they got their hands on the football. And yet, they didn't have all the things Junior's got in his offensive arsenal."

"It takes two or three people just to tackle him. He can give a defender a 'dead leg' like a great running back, and he's so

and helmet. It's all as light as gossamer when Miller is toting a pigskin.

Send Miller to the Olympic Games, enter him in the 100-meter dash, and toss in some world-class sprinters. Draw the finish line in front of an end zone, blow a whistle and hand him a football.

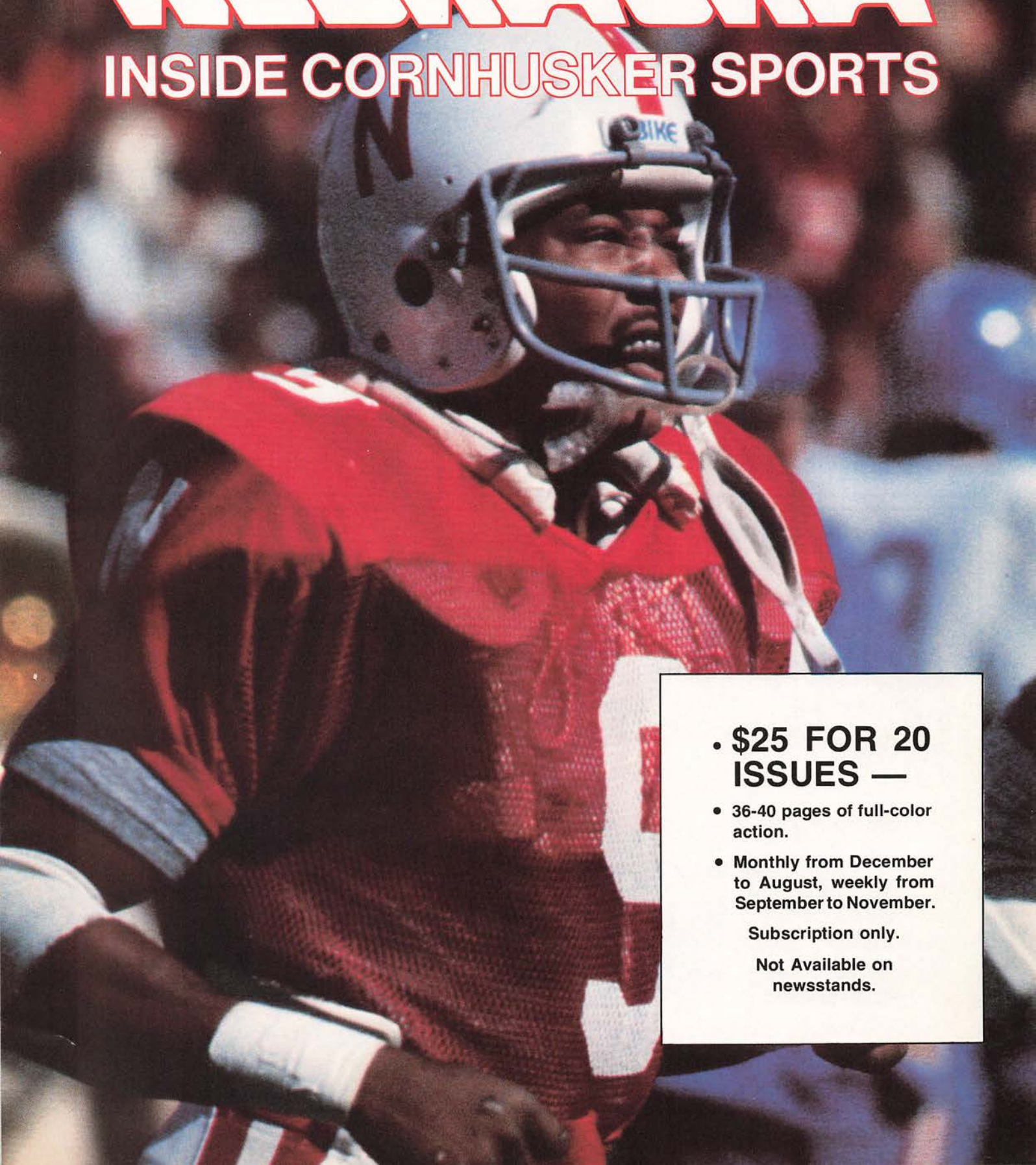
In nine seconds or so, you could figure on Miller reaching the tape. Like he told Redwine, there's a difference between running against the clock and running with a football.

With a football it takes a lot less time to get from here to there. **N**



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## BIG MEET IN TEXAS

# Huskers Dominate U.S. 'World' Team

by Randy York

Expect Nebraska pride to swell December 2-9 when the most important gymnastics event ever staged in this country features the best team in the history of the United States.

That's because one-third of the American team competing in the World Games in Fort Worth, Texas, is Nebraska born and Cornhusker bred.

Meet, again, Larry Gerard and Jim Hartung. Together, they weigh 264 pounds. If they stood on top of each other, they'd still lack two inches from being 11 feet.

Little men make big news.

The two leaders on Nebraska's NCAA gymnastics championship at LSU last April have been priming for a much bigger, more important competition — the World Games before already sold-out crowds of 15,000 at Fort Worth's Tarrant County Convention Center.

The meet marks the first time the United States has ever hosted the World Games, considered THE sneak preview for the Olympic Games.

Gerard and Hartung qualified this fall as the numbers three and four men on the six-member American team, which is expected to battle Russia, Japan and East Germany for team medals in the World Games.

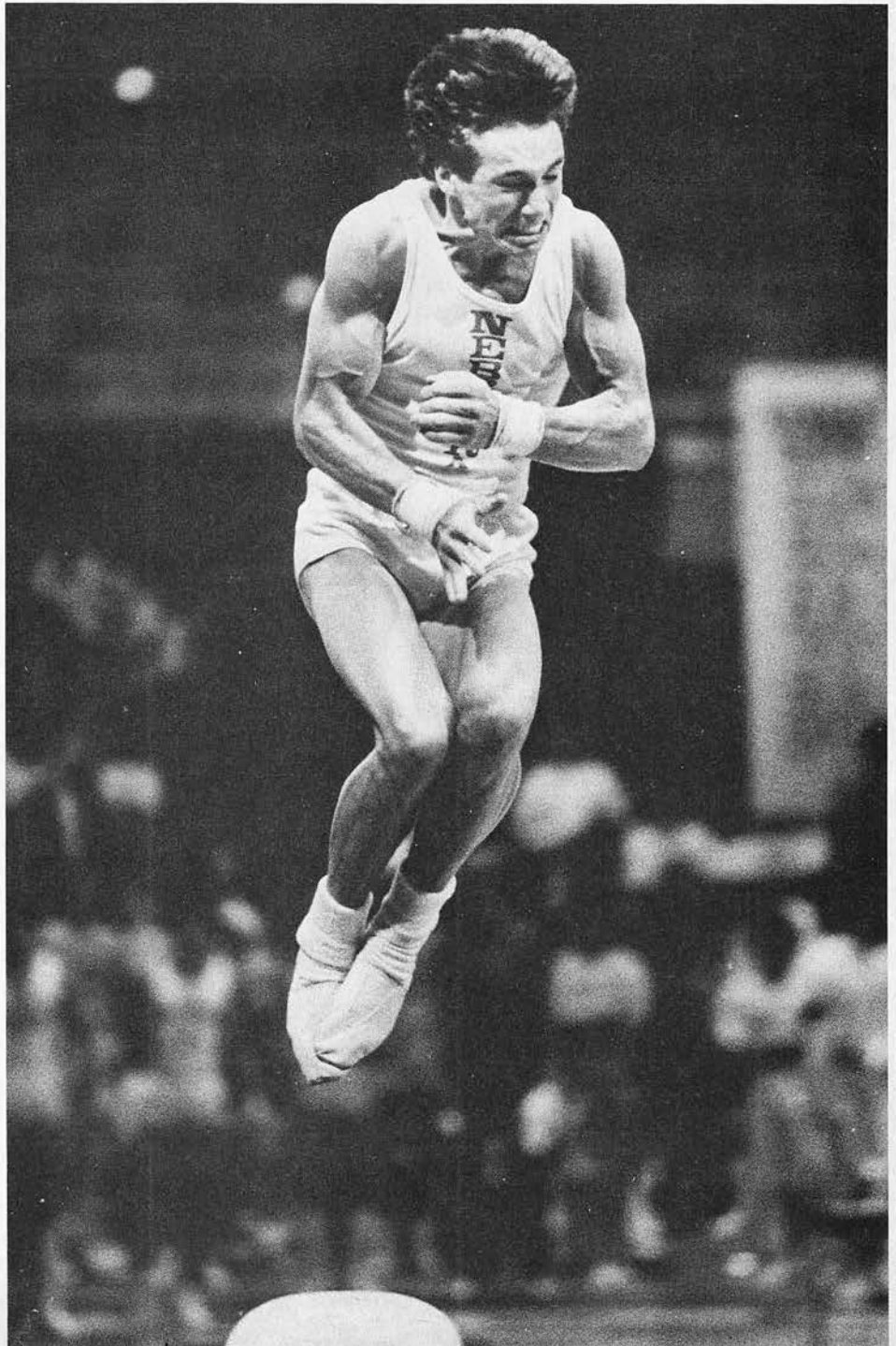
"We'll see where we stand against the best in the world," says Indiana State's Roger Counsil, who will coach the American team in Fort Worth before he performs the same duty for the Olympic Games in Moscow.

Counsil, however, refuses to be intimidated by the rest of the gymnastics world.

"He wrote us a letter during the middle part of November and said we're the best gymnastics team in the history of the U.S.," offers Gerard.

**Larry Gerard, whose collegiate eligibility is over, isn't sure how much he'll get to see his teammates this season because of his busy schedule.**

Ted Kirk photo





We, in this case, are the top six qualifiers from the World Games Final Trials September 21 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Oklahoma's Bart Conner finished first with a score of 115.6, a tenth of a point ahead of runnerup Kurt Thomas, formerly of Indiana State and now training at Arizona State.

Gerard, who has exhausted his collegiate eligibility but continues to train for the Olympics with former Nebraska teammates, finished third in the final trials with a score of 113.05. Hartung, the Huskers' sophomore sensation, was fourth at 113.0.

Tim Lafleur, a graduate student and assistant coach at Minnesota, finished fifth and UCLA freshman Peter Vidmar finished sixth. Oklahoma's Mike Wilson is the alternate on the U.S. team with a seventh-place finish.

Nebraska freshman Phil Cahoy was two-tenths from that honor with his eighth-place finish. He, however, will compete in Fort Worth on a six-man U.S. alternate team.

"I've never known of a situation like this before," Counsil says. "Nebraska must be doing something right. I think living in the gym is (Nebraska Gymnastics Coach) Francis Allen's secret. It's not like he's imported the talent."

Counsil speaks the truth. Gerard is a Lincoln Southeast High School graduate. Hartung and Cahoy are both products of Omaha South.

"I may be wrong," Allen says, "but I think you'll find all three in Moscow. Half of our Olympic gymnastics team should be Cornhuskers. People are amazed. They can't believe it. But I can. These kids have worked their tails off to be where they are now."

Hartung is the key to Nebraska's chances of repeating its NCAA championship next April when Lincoln hosts the meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

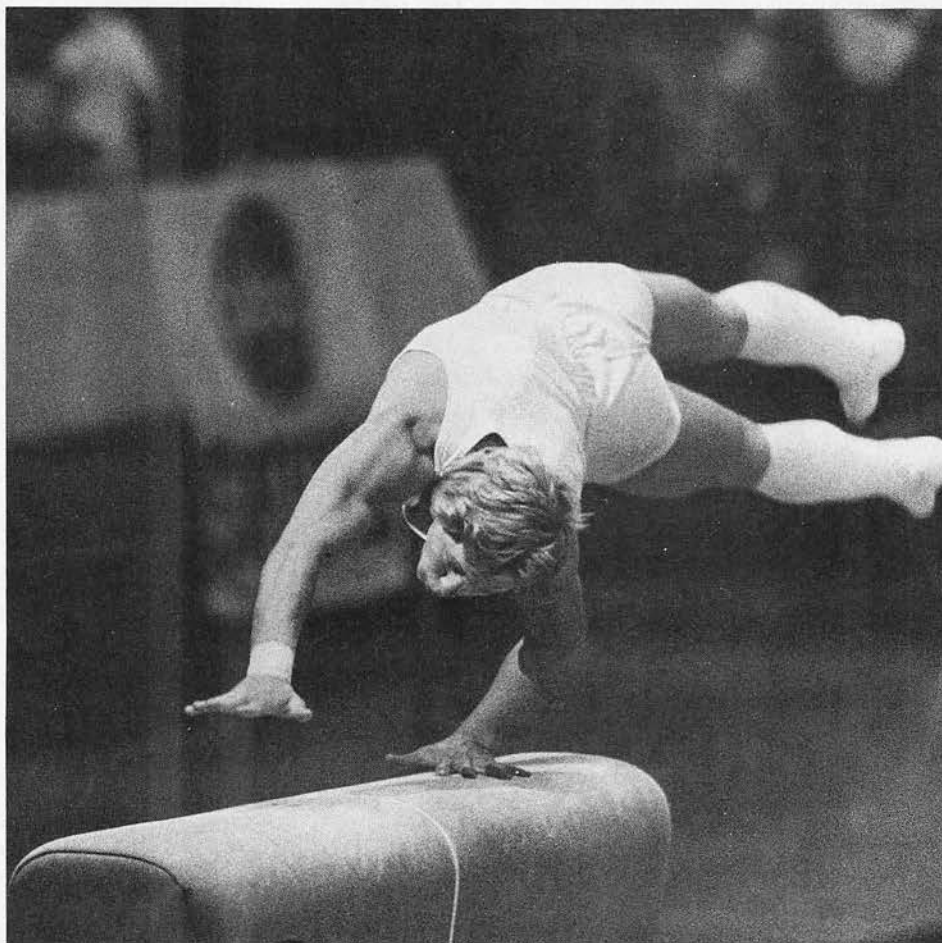
But he admits that meet doesn't even belong in the same sentence with the World Games.

"These are so important and so competitive," Hartung says. "It's going to be just like the Olympic atmosphere. The only difference is, the other sports won't be there. At least 90 percent of the gymnasts in Fort Worth will be in Moscow."

"Even though the United States has only won one bronze medal in 44 years in the World Games, we think we can win a medal this year," Hartung says. "If we do, it'll have a tremendous impact on Moscow because it'll influence the international judges. Coach Counsil really thinks that's important."

Hartung thinks it's more than important. It's possible.

"If you can do it with your mind," he says, "you can do it with your body."



Steve Elliott won the National AAU vaulting title as a freshman and will be the favorite at the NCAA next spring.

Ted Kirk photo

"We've got another dynamite team," Allen says. "Even though we lost Gerard, we gained by recruiting Cahoy and Scott Johnson, the rawest, most underrated freshman talent in the country."

The new, untested talent will mix well with quality veterans.

Steve Elliott, Nebraska's Big Eight diving champion who won the National AAU vaulting championship as a freshman last May, "is the favorite to win the NCAA next spring," Allen says. "If he's healthy, nobody in the country can touch him."

The Huskers are blessed with the return of two more top all-arounders from their championship team, which broke the NCAA record by a whopping nine points at LSU — Mark Williams, a senior from La-Grange Park, Illinois, and Omaha junior Chuck Chmelka. Mark Hobson, a junior all-arounder from Lincoln, also is back.

Kevin Dunkley, a senior rings specialist, should be one of the best in the nation, Allen predicts. Junior Brian Austin, another rings specialist, and junior all-arounder Jim Winkelmann complete Nebraska's roster.

"Nebraska will be a fun team to watch again," says Gerard, "but I might be on the run so much, my opportunities won't be

that many."

Two days after the Fort Worth competition, for instance, Gerard leaves to compete in the Chinuchi Cup in Japan.

One thing, however, should keep him in Lincoln as much as possible in his day-to-day quest to reach Moscow.

Last summer Gerard married Patty Carmichael, who won the Big Eight floor exercise and finished second in the all-around to lead Nebraska's women team to the conference championship last spring.

A fifth-place finisher in floor exercise and 10th all-around in the 1979 national AIAW women's meet, Patty is completing her last year of collegiate eligibility.

"I already have a job with NBC in Moscow, so I'm going," Patty says. "Now, it's up to Larry. He's going to have to work awfully hard to join me. But he'll get there."

So might Hartung and Cahoy. If they do, the American team will be half Nebraskan and worth a whole bunch of pride. **N**

Jim Hartung, right, begins his sophomore year as the leader of an outstanding Nebraska team. His thoughts, however, are pointed more toward next week's World Games rather than next spring's NCAA championships.

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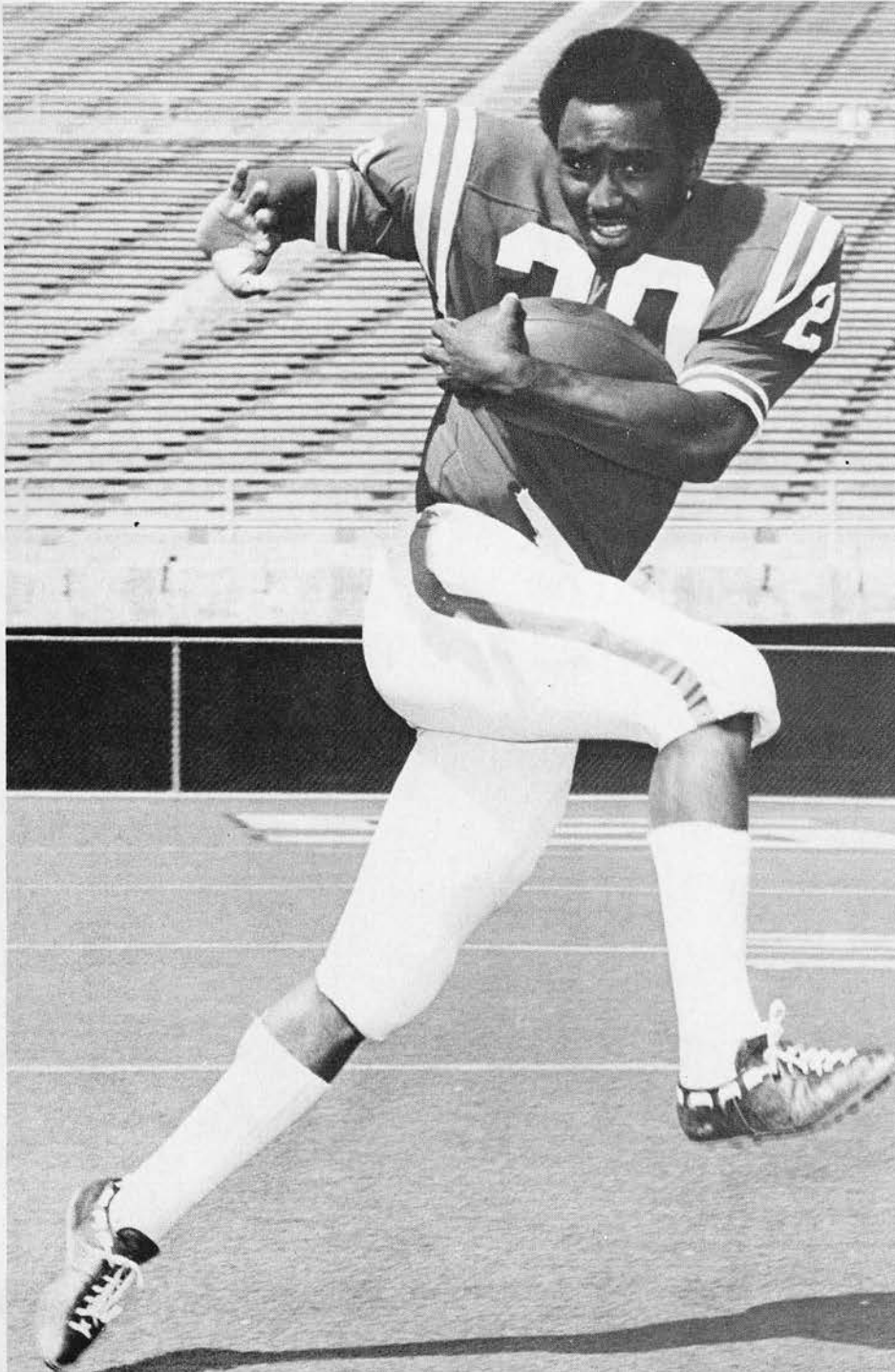




1973 ORANGE BOWL

# Devaney's Last Game Was Incentive Enough

by Steve Pederson



The 1973 Orange Bowl was Bob Devaney's last game as head coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The legendary coach was stepping down as the "winningest coach in the nation." The Orange Bowl was the show, but the main attraction was Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers.

Notre Dame was the foe and, just like Alabama the year before, the game was a mismatch. The Cornhuskers romped 40-6. But let's go back with Rodgers and let him recall how it was INSIDE CORNHUSKER SPORTS.

Rodgers, now in the real-estate business in San Diego, California, was wrapping up a glorious career as the most fabled of all Nebraska athletes. A two-time All-America, he had won the Heisman Trophy only a month before.

As the Heisman Trophy winner, of course, Rodgers had the pressure of having all eyes on him. He was expected to perform heroically. And he did just that.

Rodgers scored four touchdowns — three on runs of 8, 4 and 5 yards and once on a 50-yard pass from David Humm — and threw another TD pass, a 52-yarder to Frosty Anderson as the Huskers completely disassembled the Fighting Irish.

But in Rodgers' eyes, the man on display was Devaney. For the first time in three years, Nebraska was not playing the bowl game for the national championship. The players were playing for one reason: To allow Devaney to retire with a victory.

"As strange as it may seem," recalls Rodgers, "the Heisman Trophy and all of that was history. The thing that was most important to me and to the team was that we all knew we were leaving and, more importantly, that coach Devaney was leav-

**Johnny Rodgers is the most celebrated athlete in Nebraska history. The former Heisman Trophy winner has no trouble remembering the emotion involved in playing in the last game Bob Devaney ever coached.**





**Nebraska amassed 40 points in less than three quarters while humiliating Notre Dame. Rodgers glides 50 yards with a Humm pass for the last touchdown six minutes before the end of the third period.**

ing. We wanted the winningest coach in the nation to leave with a win."

Devaney was more than just a football coach to Rodgers.

"He was like a father to me," recalls Johnny. "He was a winner and he cared about us. You could go in any time and talk to him. He would give it to you straight. In all my four years, I never heard anyone say anything against coach Devaney."

Devaney's departure made the incentive clear, at least in Rodgers' eyes.

"We only had one game left," he says. "And that game was not going to make that much difference. The All-Americans had been picked and the game wouldn't affect the pro draft. For the first time we couldn't win the national championship by winning the bowl. We just kept thinking of those four years we had because of coach Devaney."

Rodgers remembers the players being at much less than full speed for the contest. In fact, 12 members had severe cases of the flu.

"We had gotten something before we left Lincoln," says Rodgers. "We weren't saying much, but internally we knew that a lot of guys were really sick."

But no matter how poorly the players felt,

Rodgers says no one would have been willing to beg off for the game.

"We were willing to do whatever it took to win the game," he says. "If that would have been a regular-season game, I would not have played. We felt we had to raise ourselves to a higher level. We were really sick, but no one was going to say anything."

Rodgers remembers being so sick he was virtually heaving while waiting for the opening kickoff.

"I was really sick," he says. "But I wouldn't go out until they took me out. The game was just our way of showing appreciation for all that coach Devaney had done for us."

Rodgers had been moved to I-back for the game after spending his entire varsity career at wingback.

"We just wanted to make a few adjustments," recalls Johnny. "We had lost a couple of ball games during the year and needed to change a few things. Some of the assistant coaches had talked about it earlier in the year and we decided to do whatever it took to win the game. As a wingback and wide receiver, I really wasn't that excited about going back there and

getting beat up. But I was willing to do anything to win."

Johnny the Jet was brilliant at I-back. Besides his four touchdowns and I-back pass, which caught everyone flat-footed, he also gained 81 yards rushing.

Rodgers, of course, was not a one-man team. Nebraska had more than a little to go with him.

Just to name a few, there were David Humm, Doug Dumler, Daryl White, Marvin Crenshaw, Rich Glover, Willie Harper, Monte Johnson, John Dutton, Bill Janssen and Joe Blahak.

Johnny Rodgers has done some fast traveling since his years in Nebraska. But he remembers his stay with fondness.

"It was the most gratifying experience that I have ever had," he says. "And I am very sincere when I say that I loved coach Devaney. We all did."

The incentive for the 1973 Orange Bowl — and the whopping victory over Notre Dame — is obvious. **N**

**Next: 1974 COTTON BOWL.**



# HUSKER SCORECARD

by Cathy Chown

A pair of Nebraska natives figure to be indispensable to the Huskers' women's basketball team this winter.

Sophomores Ami Beiriger and Janet Smith loom large in the plans of head coach Lorrie Gallagher. Beiriger is a point guard from Saint Cecilia High School in Hastings; Smith is a center from Omaha Burke.

Beiriger will carry the load of running the Huskers' offense, an unusual duty for someone so inexperienced. She played only two years in high school because the school did not have a team earlier.

"Some of the freshmen on the team now have had more playing experience than I have," says Ami.

She apparently has natural leadership abilities, though.

"She has taken on a leadership role this year," says coach Gallagher. "On the court, she doesn't hesitate to take charge."

Ami's desire to play basketball became apparent at Saint Cecilia High. She and a number of other athletes pushed the school's superintendent toward forming a women's team.

She has been a consistent player, one of

the reasons she is handling point-guard duties. The Huskers have suffered a number of non-contact injuries, including three to other guards.

Both Beiriger and Smith became starters near the end of last season.

Smith, at 6-2, is the tallest Husker. She has made progress, particularly in the area of being more aggressive.

"She has developed tremendously," says Gallagher. "She is making her moves more quickly and is becoming a better rebounder."

Gallagher is trying to stress the importance for Smith to use her height to better advantage.

The Huskers face their most rugged schedule ever, a prospect that isn't exactly leaving Smith quaking with fear.

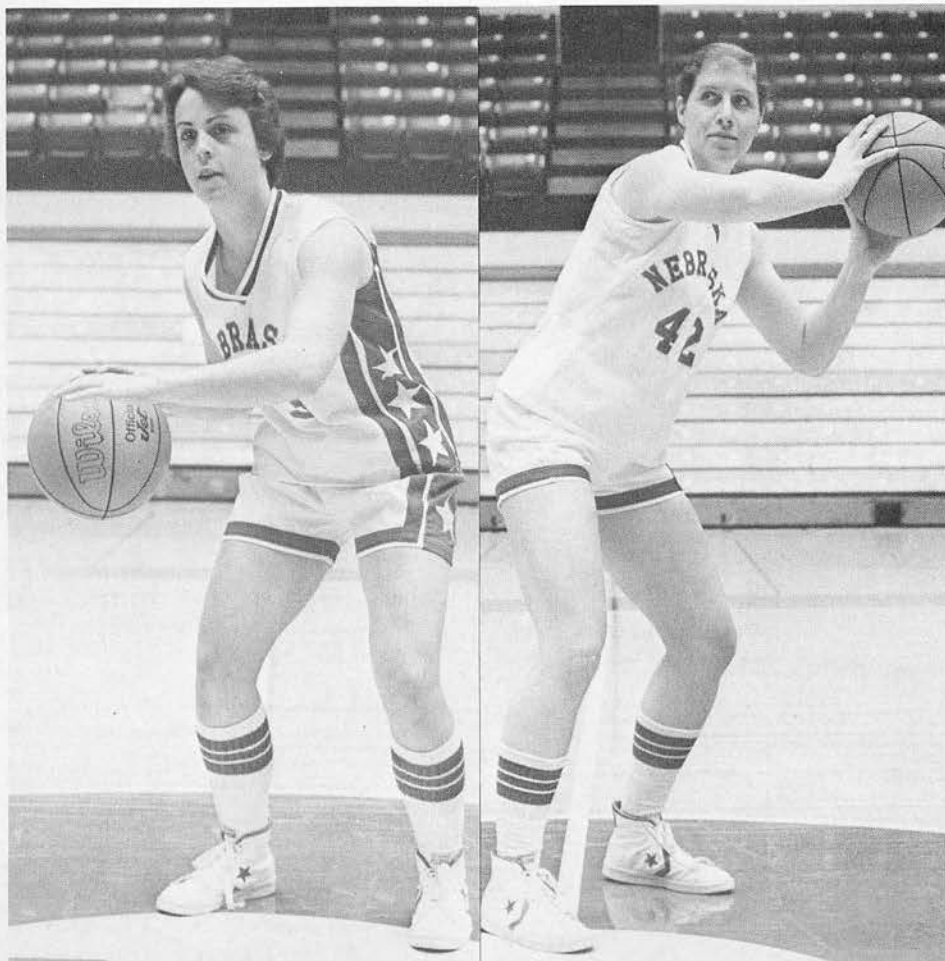
"I think we can beat them all," she says.

Some of the more difficult foes Nebraska will face include Queens, Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Fairleigh Dickinson and Long Beach State.

Beiriger believes, though, the tough schedule may work to the Huskers' benefit.

"I think we can be a national power with the schedule we have," she says. "We have the potential this year, but we're young."

Gallagher, too, knows the team is young. "Yes, they're going to take some lumps," she acknowledges. But she also hopes the team has the ability to make some waves this season. **N**



Ami Beiriger, left, and Janet Smith are a pair of home-grown sophomores who figure to be an integral part of the 1979-80 Husker women's basketball team.



# **NU GRID RECORD VS. BIG 8, BIG 10 (Before 1979)**

## **Big 8**

	W	L	T
Colorado	25	11	
Iowa State	58	13	2
Kansas	61	21	3
Kansas State	51	10	2
Missouri	37	32	3
Oklahoma	24	32	3
Oklahoma State	16	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	272	121	15

## **BIG 10**

	W	L	T
Illinois	5	2	1
Indiana	7	9	3
Iowa	21	11	3
Michigan	1	2	1
Michigan State	2	0	0
Minnesota	16	29	2
Northwestern	2	1	0
Ohio State	0	2	0
Purdue	0	1	0
Wisconsin	3	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	57	59	10

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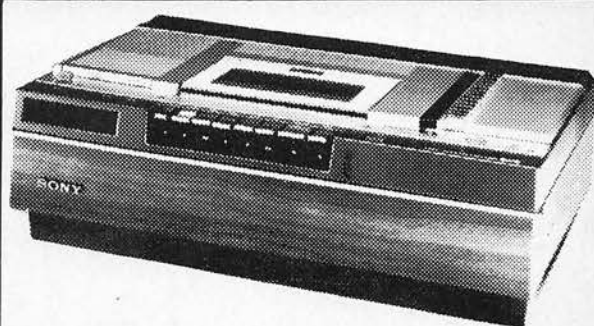
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## 1979 Football Schedule

DATE	NEBRASKA	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	KANSAS STATE
Sept. 8				
Sept. 15	UTAH STATE 35-14	BOWLING GREEN 38-10	at Pittsburgh 0-24	at Auburn 18-26
Sept. 22	at Iowa 24-21	at Texas 9-17	at Michigan 7-28	OREGON STATE 22-16
Sept. 29	PENN STATE 42-17	at Iowa 14-30	NORTH TEXAS STATE 37-18	at Air Force 19-6
Oct. 6	NEW MEXICO STATE 57-0	UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC 7-24	SYRACUSE 27-45	TULSA 6-9
Oct. 13	KANSAS 42-0	at Kansas State 7-3	at Nebraska 0-42	IOWA STATE 3-7
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State 36-0	KANSAS 7-24	at Iowa State 24-7	OKLAHOMA 6-38
Oct. 27	COLORADO 38-10	at Oklahoma 9-38	OKLAHOMA STATE 17-30	at Missouri 19-3
Nov. 3	at Missouri 23-20	COLORADO 24-10	KANSAS STATE 36-28	at Kansas 28-36
Nov. 10	at Kansas State 21-12	MISSOURI 9-18	at Oklahoma 0-38	NEBRASKA 12-21
Nov. 17	IOWA STATE 34-3	at Nebraska 3-34	COLORADO 17-31	at Oklahoma State 15-42
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma 14-17	OKLAHOMA STATE 10-13	MISSOURI 7-55	at Colorado 6-21

DATE	MISSOURI	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA STATE
Sept. 8	SAN DIEGO STATE 45-15	OREGON 19-33		NORTH TEXAS STATE 25-7
Sept. 15	at Illinois 14-6	LOUISIANA STATE 0-44	IOWA 21-6	WICHITA STATE 16-6
Sept. 22	at Mississippi 33-7	DRAKE 9-13	TULSA 49-13	Arkansas at Little Rock 7-27
Sept. 29	TEXAS 0-21	at Indiana 17-16	at Rice 63-21	
Oct. 6		at Oklahoma 24-49	COLORADO 49-24	at South Carolina 16-23
Oct. 13	OKLAHOMA STATE 13-14		Texas at Dallas 7-16	at Missouri 14-13
Oct. 20	at Colorado 13-7	MISSOURI 7-13	at Kansas State 38-6	NEBRASKA 0-36
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE 3-19	at Nebraska 10-38	IOWA STATE 38-9	at Kansas 30-17
Nov. 3	NEBRASKA 20-23	at Iowa State 10-24	at Oklahoma State 38-7	OKLAHOMA 7-38
Nov. 10	at Iowa State 18-9	OKLAHOMA STATE 20-21	KANSAS 38-0	at Colorado 21-20
Nov. 17	OKLAHOMA 22-24	at Kansas 31-17	at Missouri 24-22	KANSAS STATE 42-15
Nov. 24	at Kansas 55-7	KANSAS STATE 21-6	NEBRASKA 17-14	at Iowa State 13-10

FINAL 1979 BIG EIGHT STANDINGS		
	Conference	Overall
Oklahoma	7-0	10-1
Nebraska	6-1	10-1
Oklahoma State	5-2	7-4
Missouri	3-4	6-5
Iowa State	2-5	3-8
Kansas	2-5	3-8
Colorado	2-5	3-8
Kansas State	1-6	3-8

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Missouri, shackled offensively much of the season, unloaded all its firepower against arch-rival Kansas in a 55-7 explosion. It was the Tigers' second straight 48-point victory over the Jayhawks during the Warren Powers' regime. As a result, Missouri received an invitation to the Hall of Fame Bowl and will play South Carolina December 29 in Birmingham.



# NEBRASKA

Throughout the Big Eight and the nation, the University of Nebraska is synonymous with "championship football."

Under head coach Tom Osborne, who is enjoying his seventh season as the Huskers' mentor, Nebraska has won two Big Eight titles (1975 and 1978), participated in six bowl games (1974 Cotton, 1974 Sugar, 1975 Fiesta, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1977 Liberty and 1979 Orange), appeared on national television at least twice a year in the last six seasons and been ranked in the country's top 10 during Osborne's entire reign.

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## TOM OSBORNE

Nebraska Head Football Coach



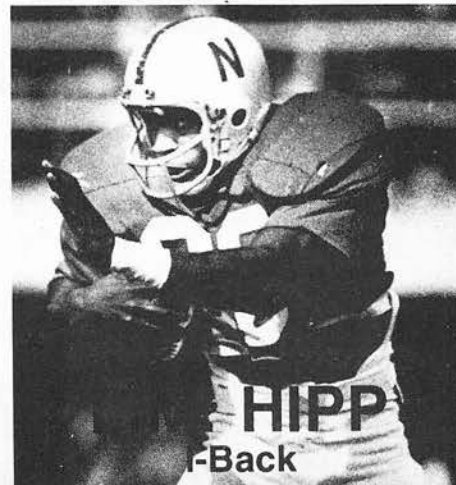
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Friday	November 30
Saturday	December 1
Monday	December 3
Saturday	December 8
Tuesday	December 11
Thursday	December 13
Saturday	December 15
Saturday	December 22
Thursday-Sunday	December 27-30

Wednesday	January 2
Friday	January 4
Saturday	January 5
Wednesday	January 9
Saturday	January 12
Wednesday	January 16
Saturday	January 19
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OKLAHOMA STATE  
at Kansas State  
OKLAHOMA  
at Missouri  
at Kansas  
IOWA STATE  
at Oklahoma State  
COLORADO  
KANSAS STATE  
at Oklahoma  
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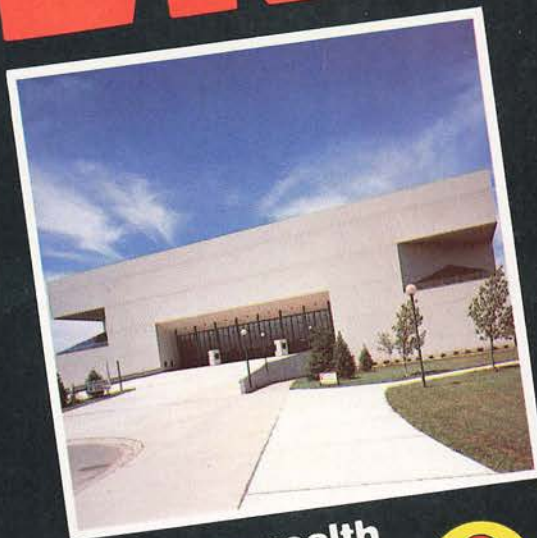
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